

**Hitting Home.**  
Lawyer—Now, Mr. Thrift, describe to the court the chickens you charged my client, the defendant, with stealing.  
Farmer Thrift goes into the details, but he is interrupted by the lawyer, who exclaims: "I have some chickens like those myself."  
Farmer Thrift (resuming) — The chickens he took are not the only ones I have had stolen!—N. Y. Herald.

#### THE POWER OF WEALTH.



Brother James—Harriet, Jimmy loves yer, but he's too bashful to tell yer so; he's willin' to devote himself to you if you'll on'y say the word!

Jimmy (aside)—Speak to her of my wealth; tell her I've got a quarter saved up. Money talks!—N. Y. Truth.

#### Courage.

"None but the brave deserves the fair!"—To this we credit give; But add, none but the brave would dare With some of them to live.

—Bay City Chat.

**Not a Good Subject.**  
Chumpley—That hypnotist is a fraud. He couldn't control my mind at all last night.  
Pokely—Of course he had some excuse.  
Chumpley—Yes; he said there was no material to work on. You ought to have heard the audience give him the laugh.—Detroit Free Press.

**Getting Along.**  
"Have you made any progress in your lessons on the bicycle?"  
"Yes," replied the man with a gentle disposition.  
"Do you ride into the country yet?"  
"Oh, no. I don't ride anywhere worth mentioning. But I don't think I hurt myself so much when I fall off."—Washington Star.

**Studied Affront.**  
"The impudent thing!" exclaimed Miss Glizzard, still quivering with wrath. "I met that young Peduncle on the street a few minutes ago for the first time since we had our quarrel. After he had passed me I heard him whistle 'Just Tell Them That You Saw Me.' And I hadn't even looked at him!"—Chicago Tribune.

**Suspicious Circumstance.**  
She—Here's a letter from Aimee asking me to send her money, and I'm just positive that it is a forgery.  
He—O, I imagine that it's all right.  
She—I can't believe it. There's not the sign of a postscript.—Detroit Free Press.

**Repartee.**  
Tommy Kutun—Papa, what is repartee?  
Mr. Kutun—Repartee, my boy, is a very clever answer, when you say it to anybody, but a very rude answer when anybody says it to you.—Punch.

#### DID WHAT SHE COULD.

The Noble Self-Sacrifice of a Minister's Daughter.

Some years ago a clergyman moved from New England to the northern part of Iowa and settled upon a farm. Many people said that he was foolish to do this; that he was throwing his life away. He left behind him a comfortable home, pleasant associations, libraries, schools and congenial neighbors. Besides, he was old and beginning to be feeble. But he felt that there was awaiting him a broad field, unplowed and ready for spiritual cultivation.

He had meant to go into this home missionary work years before, but his wife had persuaded him to wait until their daughter had finished her education at an eastern college. Now the opportunity had arrived, and with an eagerness like that of youth he left a community that, as he expressed it, had been "for generations preached to death," in order to go to a people begging to be preached to life.

There in the middle west the family built a small cabin of three rooms and a "lean-to" for the kitchen. No trees protected them from the burning sun in summer or the fierce hurricanes in winter. The country was new. There were no roads. Their nearest neighbor was six miles away across the prairie, and one Sunday the good man, after preaching to an audience of 12 persons several miles from his home, was lost in a blizzard in endeavoring to return to it. From the effects of this exposure he died and his wife soon followed him.

The daughter, 20 years of age, was left alone. What was she to do? Should she pack up and return to the comfortable east, or stay and fight it out in the pioneer west? She decided to stay and continue her father's work.

She went out upon the vast prairie to teach. Most of the settlers there were Norwegians, and in a little two-roomed house, occupied by a large family, she went to board so that she might learn the language. But the food was so poor that she became ill. Finally she secured the position of principal in a small, struggling college. Here her surroundings were pleasant, but the trustees could not pay her salary, and after three years she went back to the prairie. This time she boarded with a kind but ignorant Irish family. During the winter the mother died, leaving two little girls to care for a household of men. Here, the teacher found her mission in life.

She taught those girls how to work. She helped them to cook, to sew, to make their own clothes, to make the home cheerful and sweet. She made herself an elder sister to the two. She shared their whole life. She mended with them, baked with them, made butter with them, milked with them, and endured the hay-field with them. Soon the two sisters became noted for their gentleness, consideration and excellent home qualities. Wherever they went they carried a spirit of helpfulness and an electric ray of cheerfulness.

But the world never knew of the sacrifice of the minister's daughter, who spent some of the best years of her life in dreary hardship in order to make the lives of two other girls worth living. The story of this noble sacrifice came recently to the writer, from the west. What can be said of her who would have had the sweet, but chose the bitter for humanity's and for Christ's sake? There are many bright, educated eastern girls in the west, enduring poverty and hardship as soldiers of the Master, that they may do all they can for Him. Such unreserved giving up of self ought to shame us out of our easy, self-satisfied lives of nominal Christian service.—Youth's Companion.

#### THE GENERAL MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.		
CATTLE—Best beefs.....	3 30	@ 4 00
Stockers.....	3 80	@ 4 15
Native cows.....	2 25	@ 3 25
HOGS—Choice to heavy.....	3 05	@ 3 40
SHEEP.....	2 30	@ 3 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	85	@ 88
No. 2 hard.....	75	@ 78
CORN—No. 2 mixed.....	17 1/2	@ 17 3/4
OATS—No. 2 mixed.....	15	@ 16
RYE—No. 2.....	30	@ 31
FLOUR—Patent, per sack.....	2 40	@ 2 50
Fancy.....	2 25	@ 2 35
HAY—Choice timothy.....	8 00	@ 8 50
Fancy prairie.....	6 50	@ 6 00
BRAN (Sacked).....	40	@ 45
BUTTER—Choice creamery.....	17 1/2	@ 19
CHEESE—Full cream.....	10 1/2	@ 13
EGGS—Choice.....	13 1/2	@ 14
POTATOES.....	20	@ 30

ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE—Native and shipping.....	3 40	@ 4 00
Texas.....	2 15	@ 4 25
HOGS—Heavy.....	3 35	@ 3 50
SHEEP—Fair to choice.....	2 75	@ 4 25
FLOUR—Choice.....	3 10	@ 3 25
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	83	@ 83 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	19 1/2	@ 20
OATS—No. 2 mixed.....	16 1/2	@ 17
RYE—No. 2.....	34	@ 35
BUTTER—Creamery.....	15	@ 20
LARD—Western mess.....	3 77 1/2	@ 3 85
PORK.....	7 00	@ 8 15

CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Common to prime.....	4 50	@ 5 50
HOGS—Packing and shipping.....	3 30	@ 3 55
SHEEP—Fair to choice.....	3 30	@ 3 50
FLOUR—Winter wheat.....	4 25	@ 4 60
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	83	@ 85
CORN—No. 2.....	21 1/2	@ 22 1/2
OATS—No. 2.....	16	@ 16 1/2
RYE.....	34 1/2	@ 34 3/4
BUTTER—Creamery.....	15	@ 20
LARD.....	3 87 1/2	@ 3 90
PORK.....	7 80	@ 8 15

NEW YORK.		
CATTLE—Native Steers.....	4 00	@ 4 75
HOGS—Good to Choice.....	3 85	@ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.....	82 1/2	@ 83 1/2
CORN—No. 2.....	20 1/2	@ 21
OATS—No. 2.....	21 1/2	@ 22
BUTTER—Creamery.....	13	@ 20
PORK—Mess.....	8 50	@ 8 75



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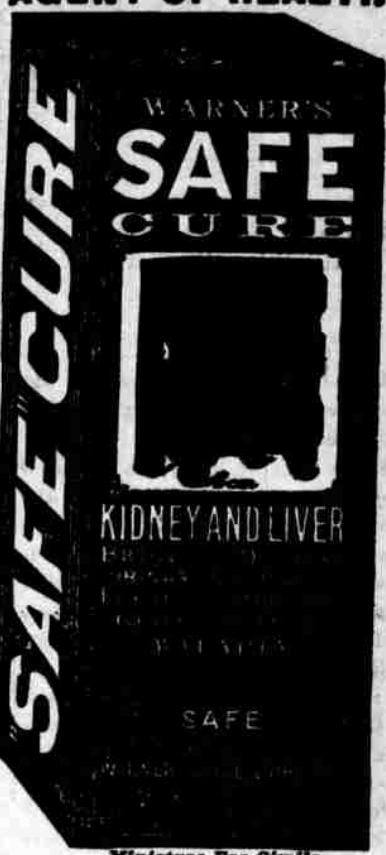
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